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70,616 REGISTER IN STATE TO VOTE AT COMING ELECTION

The total number registered in the state to vote up to Aug. 24th, since the great register opened on May 1, is 70,616 according to a statement issued yesterday by Ernest R. Hall, secretary of state, as compared to a total of 62,828 for the same period two years ago. The total registration for the primaries two years ago was 79,192, Mr. Hall said.

The records of the registration of two years ago shows, Mr. Hall said, that during the last two weeks of registration before the primary election, the registration was very heavy, the total number registered for each of the two weeks being almost double the number registered for any one week prior thereto. If the same increase in registration is shown during the last two weeks this year, Mr. Hall said the total number registered for the primary will approach close to the total registration for the general election two years ago which was 90,272.

During the past ten days Recorder L. N. Callicotte has been busily engaged in completing the registration records for this county which must be in the hands of the several election boards on the morning of Primary Day, September 12. At the close of office hours on the last day of registration (Friday) registration blanks received up to that hour showed a total of 1758 registered voters in this county. Of this number approximately 150 are registered as Independent and Republicans leaving 1608 possible democratic votes to be cast in the Democratic primary.

This figure may be increased some, when the final registration papers from the several precincts have been received by the County Recorder, but in all probability there will not be more than 1450 democratic primary ballots no election day.

Up to date 47 residents of Greenlee county, who will be absent on primary day, have taken advantage of the absent voter provision, and have made application to County Recorder Callicotte and been provided with an absent voter ballot.

At the close of registration today the figures in the Recorders office show as follows:

Clifton Precinct No. 1.....	495
Clifton Precinct No. 2.....	206
Morenci.....	395
Duncan.....	335
Franklin.....	71
Sheldon.....	51
York.....	31
Guthrie.....	11
Blue.....	68
Eagle.....	72
Metcalfe.....	123
Total.....	1758

YAVAPAI MINING MAN KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL AT ISOLATED CAMP

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Aug. 23.—William S. Bourne, 49, is dead and James McClure, 36, is reported dying as the result of a pistol duel at their lonely camp last night following McClure's unexpected return from Colorado, according to word reaching here today. Mrs. McClure and her two daughters, one 14 years old and the other 12, were the only witnesses to the tragedy.

With Bourne slain and her husband shot through the head and dying, Mrs. McClure walked three miles to the nearest ranch and told her story to the cowboys there. One of the cowboys rode 15 miles through a terrific rainstorm to Wagoner, arriving there about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. He notified Supervisor C. C. Stucky who rode to Kirkland and summoned the sheriff, coroner and doctors by telephone early this morning.

Officers immediately left Prescott and started in automobiles for the scene of the shooting. Bourne was the superintendent of the Independence Mining, Development and Recovery company, a Gallup, N. M. corporation owning mining property 15 miles south of Wagoner.

McClure, who had served overseas during the war, was also a mining man with properties in that district. In addition he owned a small ranch where, during his absence, Bourne had made his home.

About a week ago McClure left the ranch announcing that he was going to Colorado, and would be gone a fortnight. Tuesday he drove into Wagoner, left his car at the postoffice there and walked to his ranch. The shooting is believed to have taken place shortly after his arrival.

MRS. BOCKMON MAKING CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Leona V. Bockmon, of Duncan, democratic candidate for state representative from district No. 1, says if elected she will support predatory and rodent measures established by Federal law, and carried on by Farm Extension work, and will lend every assistance possible to dairymen and farmers of Greenlee county. Mrs. Bockmon was raised on a farm and has experienced knowledge of the work of farmers and farmer's wives; her ambition is to help the people who feed the world.

Ward Holds to Cold Facts In Economy Plea

PRESCOTT, Aug. 25.—Asserting that Democracy and Democrats are due for an overwhelming victory at the polls this fall, Charles B. Ward of Phoenix, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Arizona, addressed a large gathering of Prescott citizens at the Elks Theater last night, and was heartily applauded.

From the moment that P. W. O'Sullivan in his introduction of Mr. Ward declared that Mr. Ward had been selected to free this state of the blighting curse of Republican misgovernment, to the close of Mr. Ward's address, when he said that the nation this fall would right the wrong done to it by the Republicans two years ago with numerous promises of constructive legislation, not one of which has been fulfilled, the audience listened intently to every statement.

Mr. O'Sullivan, who was chairman of the evening, in introducing Mr. Ward said the audience was to be favored with a chance to hear one of the best lawyers, one of the best Democrats and one of the best orators in the state, and the audience well-supported his promise with the ovation given Mr. Ward at the opening and close of the address.

"I fought for the progressive laws and measures in my old state, before coming to Arizona; for the initiative, referendum, and recall, for woman's suffrage, and the primary, and I continue to believe in them," declared Mr. Ward, explaining his stand on the primary at the opening of his speech. "The Tucson conference of the Democrats was in no way a closed convention, and candidates not named there are welcomed by the party and by me, in running for office. The candidacy of Ex-Governor George W. P. Hunt, is ample proof of the fact that the party is in no way trying to do away with the primary."

Mr. Ward expressed his firm conviction that the primary system had been won only by a hard fight, by the people, and that the constitutional amendment proposed, to give the law back into the hands of the legislature was wrong. There are errors and mistakes in the primary law, he said, but the proposed amendment does not specify these, but rather might end the system altogether. Before beginning his discussion of the amendments, he said he did not want to appear to be trying to tell his audience how to vote, but simply was expressing his own views and how he would vote.

A primary election address is necessarily difficult, Mr. Ward said, since it is all within the party, and factional strife can be so easily stirred up. "If I am defeated for the nomination," Mr. Ward asserted, "I shall campaign just as heartily for Mr. Hunt, as I have in three previous elections."

"I have been on the lecture platform for eleven weeks," he continued, "going into all parts of the state, in this campaign." In all his speaking, Mr. Ward said, he never had lifted his voice against his opponent, nor thrown mud, because he felt mud-slinging dirtied the hands that threw it. He urged Democrats everywhere to be friendly to regard the party as higher than their personal ambitions.

"If women and men are to be made into enemies by political campaigns," he asserted, "the campaigns are not worth while."

Discussing the well-known registration of members of one party for the primaries as members of the opposite party, he declared the practice was dishonorable. In case members of one party register in the opposite party with the intention of voting clear through the election that way, there is no objection to such action, but if they register in the opposite party in an effort to have nominated the weaker candidates, and the ones more easily defeated, they put themselves on a level with the most dirty crook.

The Republican press over the state, which has been advising Democrats, "oh, so earnestly," had better be watched carefully, he declared. Such solicitude by the Republicans for the welfare of the Democrats would bear watching at any time, alone during an election. He closed his remarks on the primary by advising party members to stay with their own party during the primary.

Taking up the constitutional amendments, and urging the people to study them carefully, and vote on them as their conscience dictates, he outlined his own sympathies and feelings in regard to the measures, opposing all but the one regarding co-operative marketing.

Vote for Ward In September and Democratic Success In November

000,000; as that is 4 per cent of the valuation.

In order to save the homes and farms of the state from being engulfed in excess taxes, the tax indebtedness must cease growing, he declared. Of another amendment, that to change the term of state officers from two to four years, he voiced opposition.

"If the people of this state would use the recall to remove dishonest officials or incompetent ones, a four-year term would be satisfactory," he said. "But the people have never shown a willingness to use the recall, consequently I feel a two-year office is long enough."

He pledged himself not to seek office for more than one term, saying more men, "more mother's sons" should have a chance at the governorship of Arizona. If I win, and we have Governor Tom, Governor Charlie and Governor George, all seeking the place, there won't be a chance for another man for years, as we three are all in our prime."

Discussing taxes, Mr. Ward said he had been constantly misquoted on his stand regarding taxes, by the Republican press of the state. "The papers have published that I have said I would abolish numerous commissions and groups, which is not so. I have said I will cut down on the size of the present boards, reduce their appropriations where possible, and not form any new boards or make new offices."

Previous governors have in some cases built up powerful personal organizations in the state government, which form a menace. "With but one term of office wanted, this personal organization in the party will not be formed by me," Mr. Ward said. "A great deal of mystery has been built up around the office of governor," he continued, "whereas, as a matter of fact, any good business man or farmer with business sense could be an efficient and capable chief executive of a state."

Of taxation, he said, he could not pledge himself to cut taxes immediately, because the power of the governor was very limited, as a matter of fact, in regard to taxes. If people will insist on reducing taxes, a beginning must be made in county, city and school budgets, he said, as they at present form the largest part of the tax burden. Before electing county officials, he advised, find out what they will do in regard to cutting down tax rates. Greater economy could and should be practiced in school administration, he declared.

Arizonans Urged to Purchase 'Ol Kentucky 'Rye'—New Scheme to Garner Coin Hatched at Border Town of Naco

As if the thirsty American did not have enough to contend with in these days of Volstead drough, "imported stuff," and prohibition agents, now come a gang of Mexican "slickers," attempting to capitalize on their thirst.

During the past few days a number of Cliftonites have been deluged with letters from Naco, Sonora, Mexico, guaranteeing the thirsty ones that the writers will deliver two quarts of "Kentucky Rye" for \$12, or four quarts of the afore-mentioned "Rye" for \$20 at any point in Clifton. To those who failed to answer the first letter, the backers of the scheme has just sent out the conventional "follow-up" letter, in the hope of snaring the vedane sucker.

The letters were filled with the usual "sucker bait." The offers open with the information that the address see's name has been furnished by "a friend." Delivery of the "rye" is promised between the 3rd and 13th of September. At the close the recipient is requested to "burn this letter"—the usual hokum.

It should be stated that those who confidently send in their cash will probably receive an excellent grade of "Kentucky Rye." One will find, though, it can only be planted or fed to the horse. And if one wishes rye for his purpose, it may be obtained much cheaper at any local feed store. And rye should be sold by the peck, and not by the quart.

Following are copies of the original "teaser" letter, and its "follow-up" received by a local merchant. Scores

While the Republicans have this year made a great to do about reducing taxes over last year, they are higher than in 1920, he declared.

If elected governor, he pledged himself to get on the lid and sit tight, keeping down taxes and expenses. "There has been too much absence from office, and hired hands can never run a farm, an office or any other business as well as the head."

A tribute was paid by him to Wilson which brought ringing applause from the house. "Wilson, the man so abused and vilified, most sacredly kept his pledge to the people. He promised America would not go into the world war for spoils, and took none. He promised a law to protect banks, and the great reserve system was built up. Yet, Wilson was vilified as few men have been, but—"Mr. Ward paused—"when the voices of the vilifiers are stilled and forgotten, the memory of Woodrow Wilson will live on forever."

The Republican party, with its false promises, has not accomplished a single constructive act, Mr. Ward said. They promised soldiers' compensation, a protective tariff, and many other things, but are unable to do anything, caught in the backwash of their own wave of hatred. Their own members fight every measure put up and stop its passage. "The nation this fall will right the great wrong it did itself, turning the Republicans out," he said, in closing.

Mr. O'Sullivan, in his opening address, declared that after the election this fall, the Republicans would have to invoke the game laws for their own protection. "The great party of the people, the Democrats," he said, "are coming back." He characterized the party as the hope of patriots and the terror of tyrants, a party which stood for freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to vote, and a great educational system open to all.

Thomas Jefferson was the first great Democrat, he said, while Andrew Jackson was the second, and both of them were instrumental in laying the cornerstones of American liberty. Woodrow Wilson, he declared followed well upward on the path started by them, making America the brightest jewel that ever flashed on the skeleton hand of time.

Mr. O'Sullivan declared that Mr. Ward would be elected this fall by an overwhelming majority to free Arizona "from the blighting curse of Republican misgovernment." "No state since the days of the southern carpet-bag government has been so robbed and pillaged as Arizona today," Mr. O'Sullivan asserted. "With something like 40 commissions, taxation has become almost confiscatory, while the cost of the state government has mounted to five times more per capita than that of other states."

"The sombrero decked governor, known as Travelling Tom," he declared, "is known in every part of the country. Never in the history of the state has the Democratic party been confronted with a more serious duty to free the state of the party of plutocracy."

"Republican leaders of Arizona are already looked at the Hotel Mephistopheles," he asserted, while the audience roared its applause and laughter heartily. "The people are gathering from north, east, south and west, demanding a change, and we to the political barnacles that stand in the way," he concluded.

THE "TEASER"

Naco, Sonora, Mexico, Aug. 19th '22.

Dear Sir:—

As more than half of the world's business is done on faith we are addressing this letter to you at the suggestion of a friend of yours there to offer you an opportunity to buy some first class Kentucky Rye which we will guarantee to deliver to you there. We are putting it up in two and four quart packages only. We will deliver you Four Full Quarts for \$20. If you order either package we must have the order in before Sept. 3rd, in order to make our plans on deliveries. If you have a good friend who might want to order some with you, send on his order with yours.

In ordering enclose the amount in currency. We cannot use check, drafts or money orders. Address your letter to P. O. Box No. 14, Naco, Sonora, Mexico.

If you are not interested please burn this.

THE "FOLLOW UP"

Naco, Sonora, Mexico, Aug. 19th '22.

Dear Sir:—

This letter comes to you at the suggestion of a personal friend of yours there.

We have on hand some First class Rye. We are selling it at \$20 for four full quarts and \$12 for two full quarts. We guarantee to deliver it to you there between the 3rd and 15th of September.

If you want either size package delivered mail us either \$20 or \$12. If

MORENCI SCHOOL IS MAKING READY FOR OPENING

The Morenci public schools will open on Monday September 11th at 8:30 A. M. Owing to the greatly reduced enrollment the elementary schools will open with twelve teachers. The high school will have its usual force with the exception of the Manual Training teacher whose place was not filled. This work is brought under the direction of Mr. Mulder, the Vocational teacher.

The following are the assignments:
High School
Miss Kathleen Harnett, Principal and teacher of Spanish I, II, American History and Civil Government.
Mr. L. G. McMorris, Physics, Chemistry, Algebra, and Geometry, also Military Instructor.
Miss Gladys Hodgson, Latin I and II, Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern History.
Miss Beatrice Roscoe, English I, II, III, and IV.
Miss E. L. Murphy, Home Economics.
Mr. P. J. Mulder, Boys' Vocational and Manual Training.
Miss Fae Linder, Commercial Department.

Elementary School
Miss Mahela Wehking, Principal and teacher of Second Grade.
Miss Hortense Schoshusen, Eighth Grade.
Miss Olive Haskew, Seventh Grade.
Miss Stella Miller, Sixth Grade.
Miss Vera Griffith, Fifth Grade.
Miss Leonora Martin, Fourth Grade.
Miss Anna Roepke, Third Grade.
Mrs. Bessie Fraser, Mexican Third Grade.
Miss Merna Robison, Mexican Second Grade.
Miss Inez Robb, Mexican Second Grade.
Miss Stella Norton, American First.
Miss Lou Emily Hornaday, Mexican First.

The following are new teachers: Miss Inez Robb of Arizona; Miss Leonora Martin, Metcalf, Arizona; Miss Olive Haskew, Arkansas; Miss Stella Norton, Pima, Arizona.

There will be a teachers' meeting on Saturday, the 8th at 3:30 P. M. in the office of the Superintendent.

STATE COMMITTEES TO MEET AT CAPITOL DAY BEFORE FORMED

If the state law relating to the organization of the Republican and Democratic state and county committees is followed to the letter this year, according to George R. Hill, assistant attorney general, the state committee of each party will be required to meet at the state capital building one day before these committees have been formed.

This queer situation is brought about, Mr. Hill said, by the unusual position of the dates and days in Sept., this year and by the peculiar wording of the law relative to committees. The law in the matter in substance is that 14 days after the primary election the precinct committees meet, and the primary election by each party shall meet in their country and organize by electing a chairman and other officers. This law provides further that on the last Monday in the month of the primary election, the chairman chosen by each of the county committees shall gather at the state capital building at noon on this last Monday and organize by electing a chairman and officers.

So much for the wording of the law, its operation is the vital question and by solving it some young attorney may gain distinction for himself. The county committeemen will meet on September 26, 14 days after the primary election and organize, while the state committee will meet at the capitol building on the last Monday in September which is September 25 and organize.

The question which arises is how can the state committees composed of the chairmen of the various county committees meet as provided for by the law, when the same law provides that the chairmen of the respective committees cannot be elected until the next day.

AUTO PARTY FROM SAFFORD

Misses Mary McKee and Louise Bingham and Messrs George Marshall and A. T. Atkins comprised an auto party to Clifton on Thursday.

you have a good friend who wants to get some enclose his order with yours.
In sending the money enclose nothing but currency as we cannot use checks, drafts or money orders. Address your letter to P. O. Box No. 14, Naco, Sonora, Mexico.
If you are not interested please burn this up.

GRAHAM COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDER WAY

Over in Graham county the County Highway Commission in charge of the construction of highways under a \$500,000 bond issue is getting its program under way. Actual construction work has started on some sections including a force of men on the connecting link between the Clifton-Safford highway and the Duncan Safford route.

The secretary of agriculture has approved the project statement for Federal Aid Project No. 43, which provides for six and a half miles of paving from Safford westward. That work will be advertised as soon as the district engineer approves the plans and specifications. Two additional projects have been applied for by the Graham County Highway Commission and if these are approved it will mean 20 miles of paving in the upper Gila valley, running from Solomonville to Matthews wash, and connecting at that point with the state highway.

Graham county assisted by the Arizona Highway Department has reconstructed three miles of road from the Greenlee county line toward Solomonville, on the Duncan-Solomonville road, and it is planned to complete this road seven miles farther to the junction of the Clifton road. A cut off has been surveyed which will shorten the distance between Solomonville and Duncan by approximately three miles.

In this county state forces have constructed the Mule Creek trail to the top of Black Jack pass and are working down the mountain toward Mule Creek post office. Grant county (New Mexico) forces are continuing the road to meet the Arizona work, so that the new connection to Silver City may be completed at an early date.

It is expected that work on the Arizona end will be completed in October and the New Mexico work in November.

JAMES GALE RETURNS FROM EXTENDED WESTERN TRIP

James Gale, of Duncan, has been spending a few days at the home of his son R. B. Gale, on his return from a three months trip along the Pacific Coast, during which time he visited his sons at Los Angeles and Bradley. It is interesting to note that 49 years ago Mr. Gale came with his parents from Australia, landing in San Pedro Harbor, now known as Los Angeles Harbor, in 1853, going by wagon to San Bernardino and subsequently moving to Arizona.

At that time the ocean voyages were made in sailing vessels and it took nine weeks to come from Australia to the coast of California.

Mr. Gale has been for some time living on borrowed time, but is hale and strong and bids fair to weather the Gale for many years yet. Hail to this fine old pioneer.—Lordsburg Liberal.

LORDSBURG-VIRDEN ROAD TO BE SURVEYED

District Engineer E. L. Bandy and wife drove in from Las Cruces, Tuesday afternoon to confer with J. L. Augustine regarding the efficient maintenance of state highways, which will be one of the features of the highway commission's road plans.

Mr. Bandy said the Lordsburg-Virgen road had been approved by the state highway commission and that the survey will be made in the course of a short time.—Lordsburg Liberal.

TRAVELING SALESMAN HAS ACCIDENT

S. J. Morris, a traveling salesman, of El Paso, had an auto wreck on the Clifton-Duncan highway the first part of the week en route to Lordsburg. While traveling at a good clip on a straight away piece of roadway a rear tire blew out and in applying the emergency brake suddenly the rear of the car swerved from the road and the car turned completely over, all four wheels standing in the air. Mr. Morris escaped with a few bruises. Mr. L. T. Scott went to the scene and after some repairs, and loading up with gas and oil again, the traveling salesman went gaily on his way.

BANNERS FOR THE WARD CLUB

Street banners were completed this week by Walter Dondan, the painter, for the Ward for Governor Club bearing the inscription "Vote for Chas. B. Ward for Governor." The banners will be erected in Morenci, Clifton, Metcalf and Duncan. Public meetings will be held by the Ward Club in the above named towns next week. The exact dates will be announced later.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY

The Clifton Fire Department has answered two fire calls during the past week, one in Hills Addition at 4 a. m. Saturday last when a small house, owned by Vernon Martin was destroyed. Another call was answered Tuesday on the hillside above the old J. & A. Smith store. In both instances the blaze was confined to the burning building.